People in wholesale and retail business

†4467. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the Economic Survey for the year 2006-07 around 3.51 lakhs of people were engaged in wholesale and retail business in the country during 2004;

(b) if not, the facts thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that said figures seem far from reality on the basis of survey of 2003 conducted by the Ministry of Labour and the census for the year 2001; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto and the number of people engaged in retail and wholesale business as per the said census through the said three mediums?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Indian Labour Bureau under the Ministry of Labour and Employment does not compile information on employment in wholesale and retail business. However, it does compile and disseminate information on Shops and Commercial Establishments covered under the Shops and Commercial Establishments Acts of various State Governments. The position about employment for such establishments compiled by it for the year 2003 is given in the enclosed statement.

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Statement

Number of shops, commercial establishments, cinemas, theatres, hotels, restaurants, etc. and total number of persons employed therein during the year 2003 (by States)

States/ Union Territory	Number of							
	Shops	Persons Employed	Commercial Establish-ments	Persons Employed	Cinemas, Theatres, Hotels & Restaurants	Persons Employed	Total Establish-ments	Persons Employed
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1. Andhra Pradesh	350562	345495	29473	111975	14593	63949	394628	521419
2. Assam	60093	44841	7703	20855	3903	13267	71699	78963
3. Goa	32116	27107	5560	18218	4245	20247	41921	65572
4. Gujarat	754950	585874	236012	481181	22345	80524	1013307	1147579
5. Haryana	170292	96055	12238	53634	4471	11538	187001	161227
6. Himachal Pradesh	35028	10559	3843	8142	6297	8284	45168	26985
7. Jammu & Kashmir	137858	17953	8192	15501	11269	9453	157319	42907
8. Karnataka	156006	179136	66365	284219	13674	76545	236045	539900
9. Kerala	225028	195571	35927	83310	24006	59938	284961	338819
10. Maharashtra	1032765	592788	285605	1549502	60528	275644	1378898	2417934
11. Manipur	2032	1584	107	344	315	656	2454	2584
12. Orissa	12887	38565	8039	34980	3478	14195	24404	87740
13. Punjab	208336	85307	32539	90062	6748	14625	247623	189994
14. Rajasthan	426229	164258	29771	114753	25132	60170	481132	339181
15. Tamil Nadu	344534	238085	12587	84487	1309	9665	358430	332237
16. Tripura	32435	11772	564	2233	779	1889	33778	15894
17. West Bengal	511851	375727	80015	167392	40637	100424	632503	643543
18. A&N Islands	1282	4900	57	169	154	735	1493	5804
19. Chandigarh	14050	16092	4026	14641	2039	5760	20115	36493
TOTAL:	4508334	3031669	858623	3135598	245922	827508	5612879	6994775

Note: The remaining States/Union Territories did not furnish the Annual Returns for the year. 2003.